

EXHIBIT 2-A

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD SAMPLE PROJECT DATA

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT:

The purpose of the project is to assist low-income families to obtain housing at an affordable cost through rent supplement or to facilitate the acquisition of a home through down payment or closing cost grants or loans.

STATUS OF THE PROJECT:

This is a new project.

PROJECT AND AREA DESCRIPTION:

This project will be conducted on a citywide basis. The project consists of two major activities as described below.

- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance** - This activity consists of providing subsidies directly to tenants or landlords on behalf of tenants to enable low-income families (described in 24 CFR 92.216) to reduce their rent to no more than 30 percent of their adjusted gross income. See 24 CFR 92.252. The tenant makes the selection of the property from properties located within the project target area. For the purposes of this activity, the target area is any property within the applicant's jurisdiction. The property selected must meet the housing quality standards and acceptability criteria of 24 CFR Parts 882.109 and 92.251.
- **Closing Cost and Down payment Assistance** - This activity consists of providing low-income families with low or no-interest loans or grants to foster homeownership for qualifying families without adequate resources to pay closing costs or to make down payments. The low-income family makes the selection of each property. For purposes of this activity, the target area is any single-family property within the applicant's jurisdiction. The property selected must meet the housing quality standards and acceptability criteria of 24 CFR 882.109. This activity is limited to acquisition of single-family properties. Any such acquisition under this assessment may include **minor repairs** to meet housing quality standards, but **shall not include rehabilitation**.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND TRENDS:

The availability of affordable housing for low-income families is very limited. As housing costs increase, the available supply of affordable housing is reduced. Low-income families are unable to obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing unless rental or purchase assistance is provided.

PROJECT AND AREA MAPS AND PLANS:

This is a city-wide project.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The two activities covered under this assessment, tenant-based rental assistance and homeownership assistance, have no direct physical impact. The former simply seeks to aid a family to obtain existing rental housing at an affordable cost. It has no adverse effect on community plans or ordinances, the use of utilities or other public services or the quality of the environment, since it simply allows a family to occupy a unit that already exists. These activities are consistent with the Consolidated Plan. Thus, the effects of the occupancy of the units would be minimal. The demands for educational, commercial, health care and other services would essentially remain unchanged.

These activities have no capability for causing significant physical change. The quality of the environment would not be changed by these transactions. This program will enhance neighborhoods by increasing the rate of sales and the occupancy of rental units that might otherwise deteriorate if not occupied. It would also reduce homelessness and increase the supply of units to low-income families by making more units affordable.

These activities do not trigger reviews under any of the related laws of 24 CFR 58.5. They are not considered an undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800, the regulations implementing the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. They would not promote development on flood plains or the destruction of wetlands. The noise, water, air quality and hazards do not change from what presently exist. Endangered species, farmlands, and wild and scenic rivers would similarly not be affected.

Signature _____
Name of Environmental Certifying Official

Date _____